

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2008
6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held at 6:30 p.m. November 19, 2008 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Tom Curran called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted and given to the official newspaper. Roll Call- Carol Korn, Josh Jerry, Cheryl Fink. All present. Others present: Carol Allendorf, Roxanne Schwartz, Nancy Gehrt, Dave Leahy, Dan Morrissey, Wayne Gehrt, Joe Byrne, Pam Paquette, Margaret Spillane, Jeff Russell, Carl Ballard, Tom Lethlean, Jim Paquette, Ann Russell, Larry Cherrey, Don Dickinson, Charles Gensler, Darrell Morrissey, Sherry Roddick, Eugene Logan, Peg Rowley and Bill Gile.

Motion by Korn second by Jerry to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting. Jerry, Korn- Yes, Fink- No. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry second by Fink to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting as amended. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Ald Jerry reported the following regarding a Street Committee meeting: 1. High Visibility Garment required by the federal government. A set for each employee has been ordered. 2. 2009 Budget.

Ald Fink reported that a police committee meeting has been held and the following items were addressed: 1. Police report. 2. Snow Emergency recommendations. 3. 2009 Budget 4. Leave request for Sergeant Moyer.

Ald Korn reported that a Utility meeting was held and the following items were addressed: 1. 2009 Budget 2. High Visibility Garments. 3. Leave request for Verne Jackson.

Ald Jerry also reported that Delta 3 Engineering presented the Park Committee the plans for the renovations of the East Shelter House.

Motion by Fink second by Jerry to accept the committee reports and approve leave requests. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Fink second by Jerry to approve the bills for the general, water, sewer, electric, pool and library funds. All aye, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the 2009 budget. Chief Strause presented the council with costs for contracting with the county for police protection. Strause also presented the council with an early retirement proposal for himself.

A line by line discussion was held regarding the 2009 budget. The budget hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. December 3.

Roger Tuescher arrived.

Regarding the mayoral veto, Mayor Curran vetoed the motion made by Ald Jerry during the public comment session of the November 5th council meeting to place the following items on the November 19th

agenda: Appointment of Ward 2 Alderperson, Discussion & Possible Action of Employee Handbook and Policy & Procedures for Placing Items on the Agenda. Ald Korn feels it is better to wait until after the budget is completed before appointing an alderperson. Dave Leahy voiced his concerns regarding the council working together as a team and also stated that he wants the seat filled as soon as possible. Motion by Jerry second by Fink to overturn the mayoral veto. Roll Call- Fink –Yes, Jerry- Yes, Korn- No. Motion failed. A 2/3 vote of the entire council including the vacant seat is needed to overturn the veto, therefore 3 affirmative votes were needed to overturn the veto.

Motion by Fink second by Jerry to approve the payment to the Shullsburg Fire District in the amount of \$18,997.09 for the second half of the assessment. Roll Call- Korn- Yes, Fink- Yes, Jerry- Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fink second by Korn to approve the payment to the Shullsburg Ambulance in the amount of \$10,732 for the annual assessment. Roll Call- Jerry- Yes, Fink- Yes, Korn-Yes. Motion carried.

During the public comment session of the meeting the following motion was made: Motion by Jerry second by Fink to place the appointment of Stan Woodworth on the next council agenda. Fink, Jerry- Yes, Korn- No. Motion carried

Motion by Jerry second by Fink to place discussion and possible action regarding the Employee Handbook on the next council agenda. Roll Call- Korn- No, Fink-Yes, Jerry-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry second by Fink to place discussion and possible action regarding development of a policy to place items on the agenda on the next council agenda. Roll Call- Jerry-Yes, Fink- Yes, Korn-No. Motion carried.

Dan Morrissey voiced his concerns regarding the mayor's leadership and asked Mayor Curran to resign his position as mayor. Tom Lethlean voiced his concerns regarding the ramifications of a vacant seat on the council. Lethlean also stated that he would second the mayor's resignation.

At 8:21 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of employee contract negotiations. Roll Call- Jerry, Curran, Fink, Korn. All aye, motion carried.

In closed session a discussion was held regarding the negotiation of employee contracts.

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Korn, Fink, Curran, Jerry- All aye, motion carried.

No action or further discussion was held in open session.

At 9:36 p.m. a motion was made by Korn second by Jerry to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Marsha Einsweiler
City Clerk/Treasurer